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STATE OF MONTANA

November 18, 1986

HELENA, MONTANA 59620

Re: Preliminary Environmental Review
Black's Auto, Truck, & Motorcycle
Salvage

James Black, 733 Cherry, Helena, MT 59601
Dan Lamping, 3491 Western, East Helena, MT 59635
Bob Rassmussen, Lewis & Clark Co. Planning Dept., 316 N. Park, Helena
Paul Spengler, Disaster & Emergency Services, 316 N. Park, Helena
Board of County Commissioners, 316 N. Park, Helena
Fred Smith, Lewis & Clark Co. Health Dept., 316 N. Park, Helena
Larry Moore, Mayor, P.O. Box E, East Helena
Editor, Independent Record, 317 Allen, Helena, MT 59601
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Thomas Dartman, P.O. Box 505, East Helena
Don Burnham, 2515 Canyon Ferry Road, Helena, MT 59601
Tom Ellerhoff, Environmental Sciences Division, DHES, Helena, MT
Environmental Quality Council, Capitol Complex, Helena, MT
Documents Section, State Library, Capital Complex, Helena, MT

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the Administrative Rules of Montana, 16.2.604, the following Preliminary Environmental Review has been prepared by the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences concerning James Black/dba/Black's Auto, Truck & Motorcycle Salvage.

The purpose of the Preliminary Environmental Review is to inform all interested governmental agencies, public groups or individuals of the proposed action and to determine whether or not the action may have a significant effect on the human environment. This Preliminary Environmental Review will be circulated for a period of fifteen (15) days at which time a decision will be made as to our future action.

If you care to comment on this proposed action, please do so within the allotted time.

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HELENA, MONTANA 59620

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Sincerely,

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Environmental Sciences Division
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PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Division/Bureau Environmental Sciences Division/Solid & Hazardous Waste Bureau

Project or Application James Black/dba/Black's Auto, Truck, & Motorcycle Salvage

Description of Project Establishing and licensing a motor vehicle wrecking
facility approximately 1 mile NW of East Helena, MT (SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec.25 T10N R3W).

POTENTIAL IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Terrestrial & aquatic life and habitats				X		
2. Water quality, quantity and distribution			X			X
3. Geology & soil quality, stability and moisture			X			X
4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality			X			X
5. Aesthetics			X			X
6. Air quality				X		
7. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources				X		
8. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air & energy				X		
9. Historical and archaeological sites				X		

POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

	Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments on Attached Pages
1. Social structures and mores				X		
2. Cultural uniqueness and diversity				X		
3. Local and state tax base & tax revenue			X			X
4. Agricultural or industrial production			X			X
5. Human health				X		
6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income			X			X
7. Access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities				X		
8. Quantity and distribution of employment			X			X
9. Distribution and density of population and housing			X			X
10. Demands for government services			X			X
11. Industrial & commercial activity			X			X
12. Demands for energy				X		
13. Locally adopted environmental plans & goals				X		X
14. Transportation networks & traffic flows			X			X

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction Lewis & Clark County Health Department,
Lewis & Clark County Planning Dept., Lewis & Clark County Disaster & Emergency Services.

Individuals or groups contributing to this PER. Same as the above, Jim Black, Fred Smith

Recommendation concerning preparation of EIS Not necessary

PER Prepared by: Carol Fox

Date: _____

DHES/ESD-2

General Comments

The applicant proposes to establish and license a 10 acre motor vehicle wrecking facility approximately one mile west of East Helena (see enclosed map and diagram). The Montana Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act and Rules require all wrecking facilities to be screened from public view so that any junk vehicles stored at a facility are not visible from any point six feet above the centerline of a public road. Screening must be constructed before licensing and operation of the facility.

Potential Impact on Physical Environment

1. Water quality, quantity, and distribution

The north boundary of the facility lies approximately 400-500 feet south from Prickley Pear Creek and its designated 100 year floodplain. If the facility is flooded, waste motor fluids from the facility could contaminate the Creek. Likewise, surface runoff draining from the facility site could contaminate the Creek with waste motor fluids.

The storage site has a low area that fills with surface runoff from adjoining lands, and the runoff drains into Prickley Pear Creek. The landowner is currently negotiating with the Department of Highways to construct a culvert that would divert surface runoff from the storage yard. If this culvert is not constructed, the applicant plans to divert surface runoff with PVC pipes. Either measure should prevent drainage of waste motor fluids from the facility into Prickley Pear Creek. The facility cannot be licensed until surface runoff is diverted from it.

Montana law prohibits the disposal of liquid or solid wastes in an area where they are likely to cause pollution or create a public nuisance. Violation of water pollution laws are enforceable by the Montana Water Quality Act.

- 3. Geology & soil quality, stability, and moisture
- 4. Vegetation cover, quantity and quality

Leveling of the proposed site and storage and transportation of vehicles at the site will disrupt the existing soil quality and vegetation cover (mainly weeds). The disruption should not be significant.

5. Aesthetics

The applicant plans to shield the facility from public view with an attractive wooden fence at least 8' in height. Shielding regulations require 7 1/2" of board for every 1 1/2" of gap. The initial facility will be four acres in size; the applicant plans to expand to 10 acres as time and money allow. Public roads from which the facility must be screened are: Wylie Drive to the north, east, and south; and Highway 12 to the south and west. The topographical difference between Highway 12 and the site of the proposed facility may necessitate a south and west fence higher than eight feet. The applicant may augment screening by planting trees and shrubs along the fence perimeter.

If screened and operated in compliance with state law, the aesthetic impact from this facility, if any, will be minor.

Potential Impacts on Human Environment

- 3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue
- 6. Quantity and distribution of community and personal income
- 8. Quantity and distribution of employment

The successful operation of this vehicle salvage business should have a minor positive impact on the above criteria. Additional income and employment should at least result for the applicant. The salvage business may also provide additional income for secondary businesses such as auto part stores, body and repair shops, transportation, and advertising and communication networks.

- 4. Agricultural and industrial production
- 11. Industrial and commercial activity

Establishing this facility will change the land use from an agricultural one (marginal grazing) to an industrial one. It may spur similar industrial development in the adjacent unzoned areas, although no such development is currently planned.

- 9. Distribution and density of population and housing

Wrecking facilities, particularly unscreened ones, are generally viewed as eyesores and considered detrimental to property values. Establishing a wrecking facility may adversely impact the sale of adjacent land parcels for residential development. No development is currently planned for the adjoining unzoned land; therefore, how much this facility will discourage nearby residential development is difficult to predict. This impact will be mitigated by the construction of an attractive wooden fence around the facility (see also #4).

- 10. Demands for governmental services

Periodic inspections will be required of state and local junk vehicle program officials to assure the facility is maintained and operated in compliance with the Montana Motor Vehicle Recycling and Disposal Act and Rules. The facility may necessitate a minor increase in local government services such as law enforcement, solid waste disposal, road maintenance, and utility and construction permit processing.

- 13. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals

The Lewis and Clark County Planning Department has certified on the license application that local zoning ordinances do not prohibit the establishment of a motor vehicle wrecking facility at this location.

- 14. Transportation networks and traffic flows

Access to the proposed facility is limited to an uncontrolled turnoff on Wylie Drive. Establishing this facility will add to a already moderate traffic flow on this major route between Helena and the Helena Valley. Additional traffic may increase the traffic hazards at the turnoff, particularly during morning and evening rush hours. Any increase in traffic and traffic hazards is expected to be minor.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
Environmental Sciences Division
Solid Waste Management Bureau
Helena, Montana 59601

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

APPLICATION FOR LICENSE

Complete this form and return with attachments to: Solid Waste Management Bureau
Montana Department of Health and
Environmental Sciences
Room B-201 Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

- 1) Name of applicant: JAMES F. BLACK
- 2) Name of facility: BLACK'S AUTO, TRUCK and MOTORCYCLE SALVAGE
- 3) Address: WYLLIE DR (HOME address 733 CHERRY, HELENA, MT 59601)
- 4) Size and legal description of facility: a PARCELL of LAND CONTAINING
10 ACRES in SECTION 25 T10N R3W of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4
"PLOT MAP is ATTACHED"
- 5) If you are not the owner of the premises, give name and address of lessor who holds title to the property and submit a copy of the lease for the property.
Name: Dan O. KAMPING (Lease and Purchase Agreement)
Address: 3491 WESTON EAST Helena, 59716
- 6) Attachments: a) Map of city or county showing proposed location of facility.
b) Drawing of proposed facility showing especially the type and adequacy of shielding of facility from public view and location of buildings.
- 7) I hereby certify that the site of the planned motor vehicle wrecking facility is in accordance with local government zoning and ordinances (to be signed by appropriate local government official having knowledge of local zoning ordinances).

TITLE: DIRECTOR, LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY PLANNING DEPT.

OF: Robert J. Rasmussen
(city or county) NOTE: CHECK LOCATION OF FLOODPLAIN & RELATED RESTRICTIONS.

8) Date (year and month) that your facility will begin operation: November 8-88

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: James F. Black PHONE: 443-3516

TITLE: owner DATE: 9-30-86

Not in flood plain. 9-30-86 Wink 442-4610 ext. 178

Paul H. Gentry, Lewis & Clark Co. Flood Plain
mt. 296 Helena, Montana

Solid Waste Management Bureau
Room B-201, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620
Telephone: (406) 444-2821

MOTOR VEHICLE WRECKING FACILITY

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LICENSE APPLICATION

Items 1, 2 & 3 -- Self-explanatory

Item 4 -- Fill in the complete legal description. Attach additional sheets if needed. A description of "7 miles north of town" or "817 Green Street" is not a legal description.

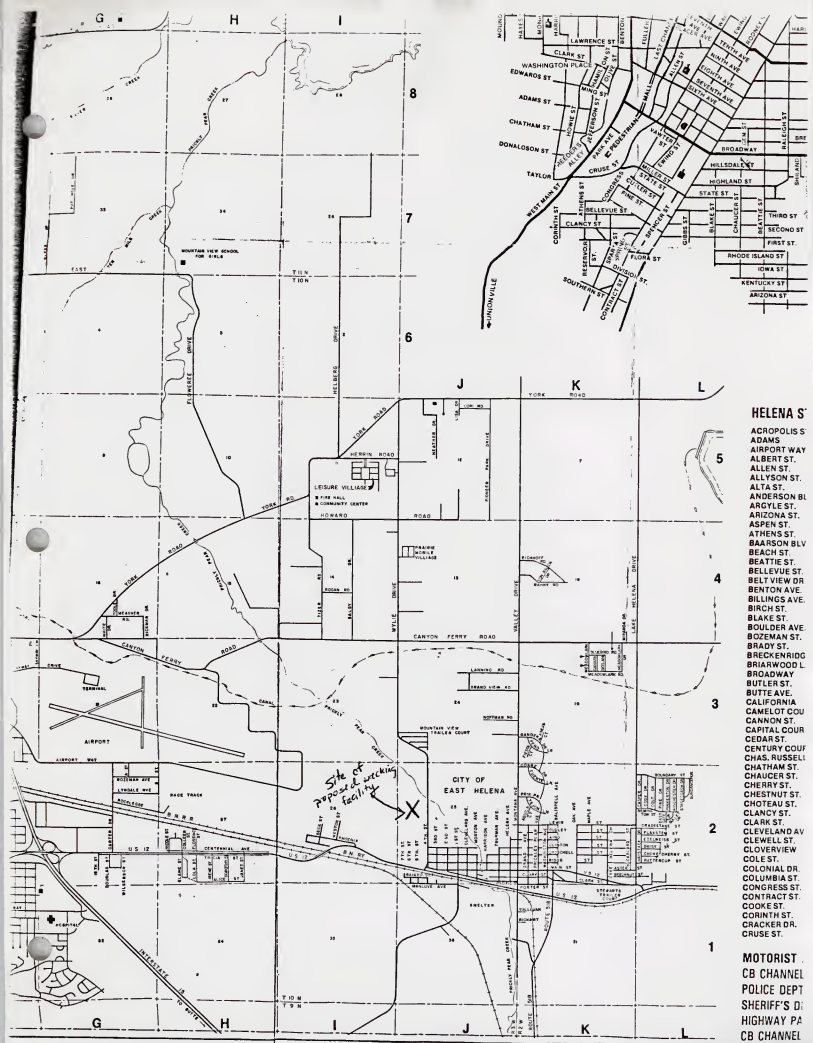
Item 5 -- If you are renting or leasing the property, fill in the information. If you are in the process of buying the land (contract for deed), you may leave the spaces blank.

Items 6 & 7 -- If you are submitting this application to license a currently licensed and properly shielded motor vehicle wrecking facility, you may omit the information required.

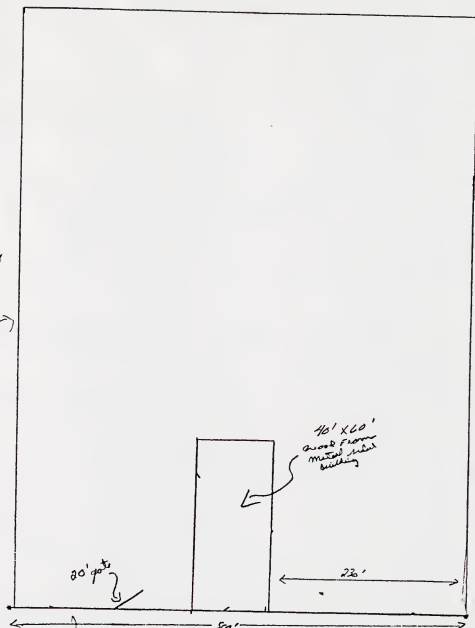
If the site you are applying for license on is not currently licensed, then you must send all information required in Item 6 and obtain the proper signature on Item 7.

Item 8 -- Self-explanatory

The yearly license will be issued after all information has been properly submitted, after the site has been approved and the shielding (if needed) is in place. The annual license fee of \$50.00, to be prorated on a quarterly basis for new facilities, shall be paid to the Department of Health and Environmental Sciences.



8' Shedding
along fence



871'

40' x 60'
wood frame
metal shed
building

80' gate

220'

500'

60'
SETBACK

Property line

Right of way

Asphlt Pk